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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, According to the United States Energy Information Administration, Illinois is a key transportation hub for crude oil and natural gas moving throughout North America, with more than a dozen interstate natural gas pipelines, 2 natural gas market centers, several petroleum and petroleum product pipelines, and an oil port; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois ranks fifth in the United States with respect to population (12.8 million), GDP (\$730 billion), and jobs related to exports (340,000); and

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WHEREAS, Illinois' top exports, per the United States Department of Commerce, are petroleum products (#1) and crude oil (#5); in 2014, Illinois exported \$1.1 billion in crude oil, a 425% increase from 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois has the most oil refineries in the Midwestern United States (4), with an aggregate crude oil processing capacity of approximately one million barrels per day; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois is ranked fourth in oil refining capacity in the United States, as of January of 2014; and

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1           WHEREAS, In December of 2015, due to an unexpected increase  
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3           from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to  
4           maintain high levels of production, oil prices fell to below  
5           \$38 per barrel, a decline of more than \$25 per barrel since  
6           December of 2014; and

7           WHEREAS, The United States is currently a party to 14 free  
8           trade agreements with 20 partner countries, which account for  
9           \$37.4 billion of Illinois' exports in 2014; and

10           WHEREAS, Under current United States law, there is a vague  
11           ban on the export of United States crude stemming from the 1920  
12           Mineral Leasing Act, the 1975 Energy Policy Conservation Act,  
13           and the 1979 Export Administration Act; and

14           WHEREAS, There is currently an effort in the United States  
15           Congress to lift the export ban of United States crude oil; and

16           WHEREAS, Proponents of the ban assert that, among other  
17           things, such legislation is not needed at this time and  
18           Congress should instead, among other things, end the  
19           multi-billion dollar subsidies provided yearly to oil  
20           companies; opponents of the ban assert that, among other  
21           things, such legislation will, among other things, lower  
22           gasoline prices across the country, give the United States

1 greater foreign policy influence, and bolster United States  
2 trade competitiveness and market access; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
5 encourage a uniform, transparent, and modern process among the  
6 U.S. State Department, the United States Department of  
7 Commerce, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and the  
8 United States Department of Energy for licensing the  
9 exportation of crude oil produced in the United States and the  
10 approval of cross-border pipelines; and be it further

11       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
12 delivered to U.S. State Department, the United States  
13 Department of Commerce, the Federal Energy Regulatory  
14 Commission, the United States Department of Energy, the United  
15 States Congressional Budget Office, and the United States  
16 Government Accountability Office.